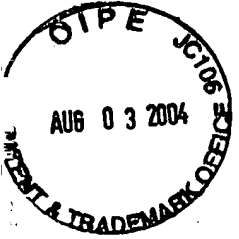


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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, and is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: